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In re Patent Application of:

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For: **Nucleic Acid Sequences to Proteins
Involved in Isoprenoid Synthesis**

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**Second Preliminary Amendment and Request for Interference
Submitted to Provoke an Interference with U.S. Patent No. 6,303,365 B1**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants hereby request entry of the following amendments in the above-captioned application.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in the documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account Number 50-2387, referencing docket number 16515.102.

Amendment

In the Claims:

Please add new claim 39 as follows.

39. (New) An isolated DNA comprising a nucleic acid which encodes an *Arabidopsis* 1-deoxy-D-xylulose-5-phosphate reductoisomerase that has the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.